

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

MARC VEASEY, *et al.*, §
Plaintiffs, §
VS. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:13-CV-00193
RICK PERRY, *et al.*, §
Defendants. §

DECLARATION OF NON PARTY STATE SENATOR CARLOS URESTI

My name is Carlos Uresti and I am over the age of 18 and competent in all respects to make this declaration. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated below which are true and correct.

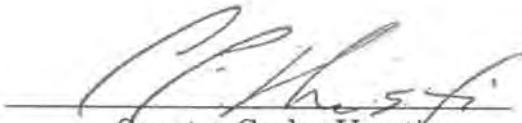
1. I was served with a the Subpoena to Produce Documents by the State of Texas, Rick Perry, the Texas Secretary of State and Steve McGraw ("Defendants") on May 29, 2014.
2. I provided documents responsive to the Defendants' Subpoena to Produce Documents.
3. The documents identified in Exhibit A are a subset of documents included in my response to the Defendants' Subpoena to Produce Documents. These documents are kept, created, or retained in the the ordinary course of my Senate duties.

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4. It is the regular practice to keep, create or retain the documents produced in response to Defendants' Subpoena to Produce Documents, including the documents identified in Exhibit A.
5. The responsive documents, including those identified in Exhibit A, are true copies of the records in my possession.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Dated: September 2, 2014



Senator Carlos Uresti

EXHIBIT A

First Bates Page #	Last Bates Page #	Description
CU-PRIV000001	CU-PRIV000002	Email Jason Hassay to Michael Ruggier, etc, dated January 25, 2011, subject FW: Early vote by mail - problem Fraiser just fell into
CU-PRIV000007	CU-PRIV000010	Email Jason Hassay to Michael Ruggier, dated January 27, 2011, subject Voter ID Amendments
CU-PRIV000033	CU-PRIV000033	Email Amber Hausenfluck, dated April 1, 2011, subjc: re Voter ID working group: yup its back
CU-PRIV000034	CU-PRIV000034	Email Harold Cook to Steve Scheibal etc, dated April 11, 2011, subject: Voter ID Working Group. Yup its back
CU-PRIV000037	CU-PRIV000037	Email Harold Cook, dated January 27, 2011, subject DEM CAUCUS: Attn Senators, Leg. Divs, Chiefs
CU-PRIV000046	CU-PRIV000047	Email Oscar Garza to Amer Hausenfluck etc, dated January 26, 2011, subject Updates on Hinojosa's Amendments
CU-PRIV000048	CU-PRIV000049	Email, Graham Keever on behalf of Graham Keever_SC to Jason Hassay etc, dated January 26, 2011, subject "re"
CU-PRIV000057	CU-PRIV000057	Email Harold Cook to Amber Hausenfluck etc, dated January 25, 2011, subject witness question
CU-PRIV000058	CU-PRIV000058	Email Debra Gonzales to Harold Cook etc, dated January 25, 2011, subject RE Amendment and talking point
CU-PRIV000059	CU-PRIV000059	Email Harold Cook to Amber Hausenflack etc, January 25, 2011, subject this witness
CU-PRIV000061	CU-PRIV000062	Email Harold Cook to Amber Hausenfluck etc, dated January 25, 2011, subject Re: Republican witness list
CU-PRIV000065	CU-PRIV000065	Email, Harold Cook to Amber Hausenfluck etc, January 25, 2011, subject on point for this witness
CU-PRIV000066	CU-PRIV000066	Email Micah Rodriguez to Jason Hassay etc, January 25, 2011, subject 82nd session letter to State Affairs and HHS Final
CU-PRIV000067	CU-PRIV000082	Email Harold Cook to Amber Hausenfluck et, date January 25, 2011, subject follow-up on Zaffirinis identity issue
CU-PRIV000087		Email Harold Cook to Amber Hausenfluck etc, dated January 25, 2011, subject "picking cucumbers"
CU-PRIV000089	CU-PRIV000089	Email Harold Cook to Amber Hausenfluck etc, dated January 25, 2011, subject poll worker pay in Pitts budget

CU-PRIV000090	CU-PRIV000090	Email Janis Reinken to Jason Hassay etc, dated January 25, 2011, subject: RE some Qs maybe the Senator could use
CU-PRIV000101	CU-PRIV000101	Email Harold Cook to Amber Hausenfluck etc, dated January 25, 2011, subject: VID working group
CU-PRIV000105	CU-PRIV000107	Email Harold Cook to Amber Hausenfluck etc, dated January 24, 2011, subject: VID working group IMPORTANT - questions to the Democratic witnesses
CU-PRIV000108	CU-PRIV000109	Email Harold Cook to Jason Hassay etc, dated January 24, 2011, subject: RE: suggested Q & A for Republican Witness
CU-PRIV000112	CU_PRIV000112	Email Harold Cook to Amber Hausenfluck etc, dated January 24, 2011, subject: A really good question for Sec of State's office
CU-PRIV000113	CU-PRIV000115	Email Dan Buda to Jason Hassay etc, dated January 24, 2011, subject RE: Amendment
CU-PRIV000124	CU-PRIV000124	Email from Oscar Garcia to Amber Hausenfluck etc, January 1, 2011, subject: Another Probable Hinojosa Amendment
CU-PRIV000125	CU-PRIV000140	Email from Sara Gonzales to Amber Hausenfluck etc, dated January 24, 2011, subject: Amendments
CU-PRIV000165	CU-PRIV000169	Email Graham Kever on behalf of Graham Keever_SC to Steve Scheibal; Harold Cook, dated January 24, 2011, subject: Amendments request por favor
CU-PRIV000179	CU-PRIV000183	Email Ray Martinez to Amber Hausenfluck etc, dated January 23, 2011, subject: RE: Amendments request por favor
CU-PRIV000192	CU-PRIV000195	Email Amber Hausenfluck to Harold Cook and Jason Hassay dated June 23, 2011, subject: RE Amendments request por favor
CU-PRIV000196	CU-PRIV000200	Email Debra Gonzales to Harold Cook, Jason Hassay dated January 23, 2011, subject: RE Amendment requests por favor
CU-PRIV000200	CU-PRIV000203	Email Sara Gonzales to Harold Cook and Jason Hassay etc, dated January 23, 2011, subject: RE Amendments request por favor
CU-PRIV000204	CU-PRIV000207	Email David Edmonson to Harold Cook and Jason Hassay etc, dated January 23, 2011, subject Amendments request por favor
CU-PRIV000210	CU-PRIV000210	Email Harold Cook, January 22, 2011, Subject to DEM CAUCUS:Attn Senators, Leg Directors
CU-PRIV000211	CU-PRIV000212	Email, Harold Cook to Amber Hausenfluck etc, January 22, 2011, subjec: VID Working Group: add'l materials from Luis Figuera

CU-PRIV000217		Email Harold Cook to Amber Hausenfluck etc, dated January 22, 2011, subject VID Working Group: DOJ memo, Georgia Law
CU-PRIV000219	CU-PRIV000219	Email Harold Cook to Steve Scheibal etc, dated January 21, 2011, subject: VID Working Group: LVP letter to Duncan
CU-PRIV000223	CU-PRIV000223	Email, Harold Cook to Steve Scheibal etc, dated January 21, 2011, subject: VID Working Group: Indiana court case
CU-PRIV000224	CU-PRIV000224	Email Harold Cook to Steve Scheibal etc, dated January 21, 2011, subject: Voter ID Working Group: Complete set of files
CU-PRIV000228	CU-PRIV000228	Email Carols Uresti to Jason Hassay and Micah Rodriguez, dated January 12, 2011, subject: FWD: Additional Attachments on Voter ID

Michael Ruggieri

From: Jason Hassay
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 10:38 AM
To: Michael Ruggieri; Mark Langford; Mark Reyna; Roy Attwood; Elisabeth Crawford
Subject: FW: Early vote by mail - problem Frasier just fell into

FYI...

From: Ray Martinez
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 9:58 AM
To: Harold Cook; Amber Hausenfluck; Steve Scheibal; Debra Gonzales; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; Graham Keever; Micah Rodriguez; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Lara Wendler; Gonzalo Serrano; Oscar Garza; Sushma Smith
Subject: RE: Early vote by mail - problem Frasier just fell into

All,

Some thoughts below on the use of HAVA funds to pay for photo ID education, in case this helps with anyone's line of questioning:

Fraser keeps talking about using HAVA funds (federal money) to pay for photo ID education. It is possible to use some HAVA funds on voter education, particularly voter education about voting procedures. So it would theoretically be possible to use those funds for voter outreach although doing so means that we are diverting scarce funding from other important election efforts, such as disability access, support for non-English speaking voters, poll worker training, and further modernizing/automating registration under motor voter (and isn't it ironic that Republican are OK using federal funds for photo ID implementation but they reject money for other important purposes?). Also, TX has to date begun to make important progress with regard to voter registration modernization...in my view, it would be misguided to divert attention from this priority, especially when it would make sense to expand automated registration processes to social service offices.

Also, there have been examples of secretaries of state who have gotten into trouble based on misuse of HAVA funds (both republican and democrats) and problems could arise if funds spent on voter outreach were not carefully accounted for.

Finally, to divert funds to a new voter education purpose, it would be necessary for that to be included in the TX HAVA plan; I have not reviewed the plan lately, but if it does not include funds for voter education on photo ID, it would need to be amended and the new uses of HAVA funds for photo ID education would need to be approved by the federal Election Assistance Commission.

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From: Harold Cook [hc@haroldcook.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 9:20 AM

To: Amber Hausenfluck; Steve Scheibal; Ray Martinez; Debra Gonzales; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; Graham Keever; Micah Rodriguez; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Lara Wendler; Gonzalo Serrano; Oscar Garza; Sushma Smith

Subject: Early vote by mail - problem Frasier just fell into

Frasier just implied to Uresti that if it's too much trouble to get an ID, they can just vote early by mail. But not all voters are eligible to vote early by mail. Here's who can:

You may vote early by mail if you are:

- going to be away from your county on Election Day and during early voting;
- sick or disabled;
- 65 years of age or older on Election Day; or
- confined in jail, but eligible to vote.

Michael Ruggieri

From: Jason Hassay
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:18 AM
To: Micah Rodriguez; Michael Ruggieri
Subject: FW: Voter ID Amendments
Attachments: Voter ID Amendments.docx

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From: Amber Hausenflock
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:04 AM
To: Graham Keever_SC; Micah Rodriguez; Harold Cook; Steve Scheibal; Ray Martinez; Debra Gonzales; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; Graham Keever; Sara Gonzalez; Lara Wendler; Gonzalo Serrano; Oscar Garza; Sushma Smith
Cc: Ida Garcia
Subject: Voter ID Amendments

Hello all,

Attached is a list of the Vote ID Amendments presented yesterday. Those that were accepted are in bold. Thanks to Ida for compiling the list yesterday on the Senate Floor!

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From: Graham Keever On Behalf Of Graham Keever_SC
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 8:51 PM
To: Micah Rodriguez; Harold Cook; Amber Hausenflock; Steve Scheibal; Ray Martinez; Debra Gonzales; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; Graham Keever; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Lara Wendler; Gonzalo Serrano; Oscar Garza; Sushma Smith
Subject: RE: Ray Martinez is famous

Rise and shine, it's a New Legislative Day!

From: Micah Rodriguez
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 5:04 PM
To: Harold Cook; Amber Hausenflock; Steve Scheibal; Ray Martinez; Debra Gonzales; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; Graham Keever; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Lara Wendler; Gonzalo Serrano; Oscar Garza; Sushma Smith
Subject: RE: Ray Martinez is famous

Maybe we'll see Ray on the next season of Dancing with the Stars

From: Harold Cook [mailto:hc@haroldcook.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 5:03 PM

To: Amber Hausefluck; Steve Schelbal; Ray Martinez; Debra Gonzales; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; Graham Keever; Micah Rodriguez; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Lara Wendler; Gonzalo Serrano; Oscar Garza; Sushma Smith

Subject: Ray Martinez is famous

Ray Martinez is famous.

Or would that be infamous? You be the judge. All I know is, Tom DeLay's mugshot looked friendlier.

Voter ID Amendments

1. Watson - increase penalties for voter suppression
 - a. Tabled (19-11)
2. Davis - DPS shift of burden of notice if ID is for purpose of voting, then tell them for free
 - a. Tabled (19-11)
3. Gallegos/Lucio/Hino - notice posting in all languages voter info available
 - a. Acceptable to author; adopted
4. Lucio/Hino - posted notice in English and Spanish
 - a. Pulled in light of passage of #3
5. Zaffirini - requires photo notice to be separate from other notices
 - a. Acceptable to author; adopted
6. Davis - name doesn't match, then affidavit
 - a. Tabled
7. LVP - college student ID
 - a. Tabled (19-11); Frasier says SoS does not look at addresses
8. Davis - college ID
 - a. pulled
9. Hino - extension of notice/full implementation to 2017
10. Zaffirini - affidavit to use voter reg. cert.
 - a. Tabled (18-12)
11. Davis/Ellis (not in packet) - women with different names on ID's
 - a. Amend to amend (Frasier) take out affidavit provision (2) b/c SoS says current policy to ask for certificate - not acceptable to Davis
 - b. Tabled 18-12
12. Davis - name differences
 - a. Tabled (19-11)
13. Davis - expired ID
 - a. Tabled (19-11)
14. Lucio - thumbprint ID
 - a. Tabled (19-11)
15. Davis - allowance for expired ID's only if expired after last general election (modeled after Indiana)
 - a. Temporary w/draw
 - b. Tabled
16. LVP - 2 alternate forms of ID
17. Gallegos - temporary drivers license
 - a. tabled
18. Hino - concealed hand gun
 - a. adopted
19. Ellis - student ID
 - a. Tabled
20. West - elderly exemption
 - a. Tabled 19-11
21. West - medicare card
22. Lucio
 - a. Tabled 19-11

23. Lucio - expired license given 60 day window
a. **Acceptable and adopted**
24. Hino - photo/voter registration card...county option
a. tabled
25. Gallegos
a. Tabled 19-11
26. Gallegos - require DPS offices to be within 5 miles of public transp.
a. tabled
27. Lacio - notice of name change
28. Ellis - same day
a. tabled
29. Gallegos
a. Tabled 19-11
30. Ellis/Uresti/Rodriguez - SoS annual report regarding disparate impact
a. Tabled 19-11
31. LVP - SOS and Conn certify
a. Tabled 19-11
32. Watson - "ogden amendment"
a. **Acceptable and adopted 30 - 0**
33. West - school funding maintained
a. Tabled
34. Ellis - effective date
a. Tabled
35. Patrick - if disabled and want to be exempt, just send doctor letter to SoS
a. **Acceptable and adopted**
36. Davis - permanent absentee status if disabled
a. Tabled 19-11
37. Davis - Registration outreach, status, registration, voting places, ombudsman at state level re: issues
a. Tabled 19-11
38. Davis - notice of removal from registry; death, outside country or county, cancellation
a. Tabled 19-11
39. Davis - indigent voters provisional ballot/affidavit
a. Pulled down
40. Duncan/Ogden/Patrick - indigent person as defined by state law then can cast provisional ballot, affidavit with registrar (or religious objection to photograph)
a. Adopted 30-0
41. Davis (adaption of floor #6) match names, substantially similar and affidavit
a. **Acceptable and adopted 30 - 0**

Jason Hassay

From: Amber Hausenfluck
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 11:23 AM
To: Harold Cook; Steve Scheibal; Ray Martinez; David Edmonson; Debra Gonzales; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Lara Wendler; Micah Rodriguez; Dan Buda; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Oscar Garza; Gonzalo Serrano; Sushma Smith
Cc: Ida Garcia
Subject: RE: Voter ID Working Group: Yup, it's back.

I put in a draft for #2. Steve is going to put in a draft for #1. If one of your boss's wants to offer number 2, that is cool. I am just getting it drafted. :)

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From: Harold Cook [mailto:hc@haroldcook.com]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 11:09 AM
To: Steve Scheibal; Amber Hausenfluck; Ray Martinez; David Edmonson; Debra Gonzales; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Lara Wendler; Micah Rodriguez; Dan Buda; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Oscar Garza; Gonzalo Serrano; Sushma Smith
Subject: Voter ID Working Group: Yup, it's back.

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There might be some value in a motion to instruct the conferees, on two issues:

1. putting the Ogden amendment back into the bill. (which Watson did in the Senate, but it disappeared in the House)
2. adding a provision which says that the law does not take effect until after the bill passes Voting Rights Act pre-clearance requirements with the Department of Justice of the DC Court.

Either of these two instructions would probably be voted down, if only because Democrats make the motion. Even if Fraser takes the amendments, I'm guessing they would not appear in the final conference report. Either way, there is some message and legal value to making the effort.

I recommend that we at least maintain our boss' ability to offer these instructions when it comes up next week, so is somebody willing to get council to draft them?

Jason Hassay

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Jason Hassay

From: Harold Cook <hc@haroldcook.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 2:28 PM
Subject: DEM CAUCUS: Attn Senators, Leg Dir's, Chiefs

I wanted to send this to the entire list instead of just the voter ID working group list, because a lot of the Senators and Chiefs are not on the working group list. I also added Senators who are not generally on the regular Democratic Caucus distribution list.

I don't think I have ever seen the Senate Democrats, and all their staff members, work better together, or create a better work product, than during this voter ID situation. I also haven't seen so many legislative staff put in such long grueling hours and be so productive this early in a legislative session. And I've never seen smarter work out of everybody involved.

There wasn't a weak moment in the process, nor a weak link in the team, elected or staff. In hindsight, Lt. Governor Dewhurst may have made one tactical miscalculation in calling this up so early. Since there were no committee hearings competing for Senator and staff time, Senators' attentions weren't as divided as they would normally be, and it was amazing to watch what these people can accomplish when they have the time to focus in on one issue for a few days.

I'm always saying that if you can't win, you have to lose right. That is even more important in a situation which is sure to end up in the Federal courts and at the Department of Justice for serious review. The Senate Democrats did everything they needed to do, and did it better than ever. And without exception the staff members assigned to this issue made our bosses proud.

Thank you for a job very well done.

Jason Hassay

From: Oscar Garza
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 2:54 PM
To: Amber Hausenfluck; 'hc@haroldcook.com'; Steve Scheibal; Ray Martinez; Debra Gonzales; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; 'GLKeever@aol.com'; Micah Rodriguez; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; 'larawendler@sbcglobal.net'; Gonzalo Serrano; Sushma Smith
Subject: Updates on Hinojosa's Amendments

1. Patrick is going to co-author our CHL amendment. They also wanted to specify that it must be a Texas CHL, which ours did but whatever.
2. Also, our amendment in regards to the notification requirements that expired in 2013 (which we originally wanted to continue forever) has now been changed to 2017. Fraser brought that to us. Hinojosa agreed.

That's it for now.

Oscar

Sent via BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

From: Amber Hausenfluck
To: Harold Cook <hc@haroldcook.com>; Steve Scheibal; Ray Martinez; Debra Gonzales; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; Graham Keever <GLKeever@aol.com>; Micah Rodriguez; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Lara Wendler <larawendler@sbcglobal.net>; Gonzalo Serrano; Oscar Garza; Sushma Smith
Sent: Wed Jan 26 13:37:48 2011
Subject: Betty King Room

Senator Van de Putte just called me. She said to advise all of you to get to the Betty King Room now with all of your Vote ID stuff.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Harold Cook [mailto:hc@haroldcook.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 3:42 PM
To: Amber Hausenfluck; Steve Scheibal; Ray Martinez; Debra Gonzales; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; Graham Keever; Micah Rodriguez; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Lara Wendler; Gonzalo Serrano; Oscar Garza; Sushma Smith

Subject: reward

I'll buy a round of drinks for the Senator who forces that witness to say "I would have to defer to the Indiana Secretary of State for that answer." :)

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Jason Hassay

From: Graham Keever on behalf of Graham Keever_SC
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:10 AM
To: Jason Hassay; Graham Keever_SC; Harold Cook
Subject: RE:

Well that's the real question. Are they going to do it Thursday, or tonight at 9:20? I also didn't really understand the vote to take it up as a special order, I thought it was already a special order. Honestly, I wasn't even sure from reading the rules how the Committee of the Whole was to operate. For example, most committees about rules about things like bill analyses and fiscal notes. COW operates under senate rules, as applicable or something. So it's a committee, but it's not a committee . . . water under the bridge, except for the question about whether I will be on the floor at midnight tonight.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jason Hassay
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:52 AM
To: Graham Keever_SC; Harold Cook
Subject: RE:

Great question Graham.

Not sure I have this right but here is how I understood it.

Obviously SB 14 passed out of COW, 20-12. They then voted to take it up as a special order or special something (basically allowing them to take it up first thing after it was laid out for 24 hours). It passed 19-12. So to the world it looks like the bill will be read a second time at 9:20pm.

From the sound of it they will take things up on Thursday, where we will have a chance to add amendments.

Then move to third reading and final passage.

Thanks.

-Jason

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-----Original Message-----

From: Graham Keever On Behalf Of Graham Keever_SC
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 9:29 AM

To: Harold Cook; Amber Haugenfluck; Steve Scheibal; Ray Martinez; Debra Gonzales; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; Graham Keever; Micah Rodriguez; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Lara Wendler; Gonzalo Serrano; Oscar Garza; Sushma Smith
Subject: RE:

Anyone care to review procedurally what happened at the end last night? I am just trying to avoid cracking the rule book to refresh my memory.

-----Original Message-----

From: Harold.Cook [mailto:hc@haroldcook.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 8:50 PM
To: Amber Haugenfluck; Steve Scheibal; Ray Martinez; Debra Gonzales; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; Graham Keever; Micah Rodriguez; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Lara Wendler; Gonzalo Serrano; Oscar Garza; Sushma Smith
Subject:

for the next pro-bill witness who says this is happening now, for whoever is annoyed with it:

1. so you're sure this voter fraud is happening now?
2. do you agree with others who have testified that only a few such fraudulent votes can effect the outcome of an election?
3. are you aware that Republicans won virtually every close election in the state of Texas last November?
4. extending your logic, you seem to be testifying that the some Republicans somewhere may have won based on fraudulently-cast votes on behalf of Republican candidates, right?

Jason Hassay

From: Harold Cook <hc@haroldcook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 7:21 PM
To: Amber Hausenfluck; Steve Scheibal; Ray Martinez; Debra Gonzales; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; Graham Keever; Micah Rodriguez; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Lara Wendler; Gonzalo Serrano; Oscar Garza; Sushma Smith
Subject: witness question

Here's a good question for Ann:

She's said they're spending \$3 million per election cycle in educating voters, in a situation where there isn't a major change to the process to vote.

But she's estimated that it will cost \$2 million - a full million less - to educate voters on a big change?

Jason Hassay

From: Debra Gonzales
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 6:49 PM
To: Harold Cook; Amber Hausenfluck; Steve Scheibal; Ray Martinez; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; Graham Keever; Micah Rodriguez; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Lara Wendler; Gonzalo Serrano; Oscar Garza; Sushma Smith
Subject: RE: Amendment and talking points
Attachments: SUSPENDED temporary driving permits tp's.doc; Suspended DL.doc; DIC-25[2].pdf

Hey Guys,

I thought I'd give you guys our T.P.'s and amendment language since my boss mentioned this more than once on the floor.

This adds into Section 12, Suspended Temporary Driver License Permits, which are....drum roll.....confiscated. The DPS form attached is given by officers to arrested individuals for certain offenses involving intoxication and driving. It serves as a temporary driver license, and contain no photo and is valid for 40 days. If a judge has not ruled on your case then it is still valid, but appears expired except for a small sentence in the box. But in Harris County, courts are back up for months and court dates are reset numerous times.

Thus, here is a DL by DPS that does not contain a photo and is valid when it appears expired.

Hope that helps

Debbie Downer

From: Harold Cook [hc@haroldcook.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 3:41 PM
To: Amber Hausenfluck; Steve Scheibal; Ray Martinez; Debra Gonzales; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; Graham Keever; Micah Rodriguez; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Lara Wendler; Gonzalo Serrano; Oscar Garza; Sushma Smith
Subject:

Jason Hassay

From: Harold Cook <hc@haroldcook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 4:59 PM
To: Amber Hausenfluck; Steve Scheibal; Ray Martinez; Debra Gonzales; David Edmonson; Will Krueger; Jason Hassay; Dan Buda; Graham Keever; Micah Rodriguez; Graham Keever_SC; Sara Gonzalez; Lara Wendler; Gonzalo Serrano; Oscar Garza; Sushma Smith
Subject: This witness - Dr. Tijerina

Our witness, Dr. Andres Tijerina, has no suggested questions in the previously-distributed suggested questions I emailed last night, because I had not had the opportunity to talk with him until today.

He would like to be asked the following:

1. Is there any evidence that otherwise-innocuous or beneficial election laws may have actually had the intent to disenfranchise Mexican-American voters?
2. Is there any evidence that old historical discriminatory actions are relevant or applicable today?

Jason Hassay

From: Harold Cook <hc@haroldcook.com>
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Subject: Re: Republican witness list.

He's completely unqualified to be an expert witness anyway.

On Jan 25, 2011, at 3:20 PM, Amber Hausenfluck wrote:

Terry Seibert didn't show up. Mr. Ward brought another gentleman to testify, but we don't know that gentleman's name or if he will actually testify.

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 25, 2011, at 8:45 AM, "Harold Cook" <hc@haroldcook.com<mailto:hc@haroldcook.com>> wrote:

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Invited Testimony

Sen. Fraser

- Jerry Bonnett, General Counsel, Indiana Secretary of State
- Christian Ward, YetterColeman LLP
- Terry Siebert, Texas Watchdog

Sen. Van de Putte

- Luis Figueroa, MALDEF
- Gary Bledsoe, NAACP
- Andres Tijerina, Professor of Texas History
- Chase Bearden, Advocate for People with Disabilities

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- David Maxwell, Deputy Director of Law Enforcement, Office of the Attorney General
- Ann McGeehan, Director of Elections, Secretary of State's Office
- Rebecca Davis, Assistant Director for Drivers Licenses, Department of Public Safety

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Subject: On point for this witness

- We now know that Indiana's law has actually disenfranchised real citizens. In contrast, no party or *amicus* cited even one case of impersonation at the polls in Indiana to the Supreme Court. In fact, **more real Hoosiers have been disenfranchised by the law in the last four years than the number of reported cases of impersonation at the polls cited to the Supreme Court - from anywhere in the country - in the last two decades.** For example, in limited-turnout local elections in Marion County, Ind. in 2007, 32 voters cast ballots that could not be counted because of the voter ID law. **Moreover, these were long-time voters: 14 of them had previously voted in at least 10 elections.**
http://www.brennancenter.org/page/-/Democracy/_%20ID-related%20stats.pdf

Also - voter ID supporters claim the voter ID law actually increased participation, which is absurd - what increased participation is voter excitement about Obama's candidacy.

Jason Hassay

From: Micah Rodriguez
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 2:49 PM
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Subject: FW: HHSC Interim Charge #1 Letter to Sen. Nelson and Sen. Duncan
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Lucio, Van de Putte, Zaffirini, Ellis, and West have all agreed to sign.

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From: Micah Rodriguez
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 11:07 AM
To: 'Carlos Uresti'
Subject: HHSC Interim Charge #1 Letter to Sen. Nelson and Sen. Duncan

Senator,

Here is that letter I mentioned to you last week that Anne Dunkelberg with CPPP was helping out with. I will put a hard copy in the front pocket of your binder as well.

I looked it over, and it looks good to me. Thus far Lucio and Van de Putte have agreed to sign.

Please let me know what you want to do or if you need any more info and I will coordinate with staff.

Thanks Senator,

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Subject: follow-up on Zaffirini's identity issue

Senator Zaffirini did an excellent job pointing out how people's drivers license photo often does not resemble the actual people. Here's related documentation.

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not certain.
Likewise, it is
unclear whether
all races are
affected.

Known as the
"own-race" effect
or "own-race"
bias, eyewitnesses
experience the
"cross-racial
impairment" when
attempting to
identify
individuals of
another race. The
"own-race effect"
is "strongest when
white witnesses
attempt to
recognize black
subjects," and
apparently less
influential to black
witnesses. In fact,
four separate
studies found that
black
eyewitnesses do
not experience
any cross- racial
impairment. And
another found
that blacks make
better witnesses in
general. But five
other studies

found that white eyewitnesses simply experience the impairment more often than blacks. Regardless of the degree to which each race suffers from the impairment, a leading scholar on the subject has concluded that "it has been observed so many times" that "it seems to be a fact."

Concern about the frequent inaccuracy of cross-racial IDs is extensively documented in case law and social science data. And some judges believe the cross-racial nature of an identification may affect accuracy in the same way as proximity to the perpetrator and poor lighting conditions. As one federal judge

expressed more than a decade ago:

We are painfully aware of miscarriages of justice caused by wrongful identification. Those experienced in criminal trial work or familiar with the administration of justice understand that one of the great problems of proof is posed by eyewitness identification, especially in cross-racial identification

Likewise, a prominent state supreme court judge discussed the complexity of the phenomena as follows:

[I]t is well documented that cross-racial identification is less reliable than

identification of
one person by
another of the
same race.

Considerable
evidence indicates
that people are
poorer at
identifying
members of
another race than
of their own.

Adding the
commonly held
belief that blacks
are treated
disparately in the
criminal justice
system, it is easy
to see that the
problem is
complex and not
easily allocated for
or rectified.

And yet, this
wealth of social
science data and
abundance of case
law has yet to
inspire legal
scholars to
address the issue
directly. In fact, I
was unable to
locate a single law
review article that

deals exclusively with the topic of cross-racial IDs. Hence, this article: my contribution to the dialogue. It should be noted that the article is not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, it is written as an overview written with the express intent to inspire contributions from the scholastic legal community. The problem is not going to disappear. It must be dealt with, as the very integrity of our criminal justice system depends upon its resolution.

I first became interested in the subject matter while working as a student clinician in law school. The issue seemed to arise in many of the clinic's cases. Granted, my

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universe of experience was a bit atypical. I was one of a handful of white students in my entering class at Howard University School of Law. And most of our clinic's clients were black. The high concentration of white victim/black perpetrator cases caused me to consider many issues, some societal and some interpersonal. One of these issues was the apparent inaccurate identification of several of our clients.

As a white graduate of a historically black law school, I bring a unique perspective to the discussion of cross-racial IDs. I believe my experiences add a valuable insight to

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the central
question at hand:
Why do white
people have so
much trouble
correctly
identifying a black
person?

Several months of
research and
reflection on little
else but this topic
has led me to a
few conclusions.
These conclusions
are my own and
are not based
upon, or
necessarily
supported by,
empirical data.

By nature, people
are generally
homogenous. We
tend to prefer
those we are
familiar with,
those with whom
we identify. White
people tend to
prefer other
whites, as rich
people tend to
prefer the
company of others
with money. These

groups are not alone in that respect: black people generally feel most comfortable around other blacks and poor people around other poor people. There's a pre-established comfort level--a set of customs and mores already in place. The comfort level allows one to relax and live less deliberately.

Those of different races may have different customs and mores, different ideas of permissible speech, behavior, diet, and dress. The hair texture and styles of the various races is often different, as is facial and body structure. In light of these considerations, I believe the major

cause of the cross-racial impairment is the lack of familiarity with those of other races. We often work together, and at times eat together, but seldom do we live in the same neighborhoods or attend the same churches. These latter activities reflect, in my mind, our lack of comfort among those of other races. Sadly, it is a self-fulfilling cycle: comfort keeps us apart, and yet, living amongst each other would establish a comfort level. With this paradox as our communal mindset, familiarity is a difficult thing to achieve. How can one be expected to accurately identify a member

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of a group with whom they are so utterly unfamiliar?

One of my colleagues has attacked my viewpoint as simplistic. He refuses to believe that familiarity with those of other races might alleviate the inaccuracy of cross-racial IDs.

As support for his contention, he cites various authorities that conclude, "counterintuitively, the ability to perceive the physical characteristics of a person from another racial group apparently does not improve significantly upon increased contact with other members of that race"

Ironically, I believe these findings

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strengthen my rationale as expressed in the analysis above. Time spent in the same general location is not the same as time spent together. Just as talking to someone is not necessarily communicating with that person, I believe the entire basis of these findings is flawed. Those orchestrating the studies confuse commonality with comfort. Like two New Yorkers passing on the street, many of us have never been intimate with someone of another race. And without intimacy, we have no reason to feel comfortable. Nor do we have the right to expect an accurate eyewitness ID.

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In my three years at Howard, I learned so many things that I didn't know I didn't know. I learned about locks and cornrows, braids and fades. I learned the difference between high yellas and red-boned and brown-skinned and dark-skinned. My life experience does not allow me to accept the finding that these discoveries do not make me more likely to correctly identify a black assailant than a white person without a similar experience.

In that respect, I believe cross-racial IDs will become less of a problem as America matures and we get closer to Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream.

At this time, however, the unreliability of cross-racial IDs is particularly troublesome. One in three black males between the ages of twenty and twenty-nine is under judicial supervision in this country. And while only five percent of the U.S. population, black males make up more than half of America's prisoners. We must explore the various measures available to help ameliorate the harm caused by inaccurate cross-racial IDs.

Innocent people have been, and continue to be, stripped of their liberty simply because "they all look alike."

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article is
dedicated to all
those falsely
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an inaccurate
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marred by your
injustice. And no
subsequent
remedy can repay
you for the pain
you've suffered or
the life you've
lost. However, let
us begin with an
apology and an
oath to never
again permit such
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Subject:

I don't think Fresier ever said where he was picking cucumbers, but if memory serves, he's from Big Spring Texas, in Howard County. The DPS license office that serves the county is open from 8:30-5 pm, M-F only. No hours open on Saturday. And, oh yeah, they close every day for lunch from 1-2 pm.

Jason Hassay

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Subject: poll worker pay in the Pitts budget

There is a reduction of poll worker pay in the Pitts budget - from the current \$8.50 down to \$7.00. (it had been thought that it was a \$2 reduction before, but it is apparently \$1.50). Conclusion: poll workers aren't gonna be getting any smarter.

There is some confusion as to whether this applies to all elections or would only apply to Republican and Democratic Party primaries, but either way...not getting any smarter.

This may be a good question for the Secretary of State's office. Along with the other necessary questions Frasier has referred to them, involving issues of election processes and procedures, voter registration methods, the age of Senator West, and whether Frasier is wearing boxer or briefs.

Jason Hassay

From: Janis Reinken
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 11:02 AM
To: Jason Hassay
Subject: RE: some Q's maybe the Senator could use ...

If you can think of any info I can help you with, I'd be glad to try from "the wings." As you probably know, the potential voter fraud on election day is far less likely than in the registration process itself. Taking time to verify the voter's appearance and match it with the ID is going to slow down the voting process at the polls -- and lots of people don't look like the photo in their ID any more.....it's very subjective to expect the election worker to compare and verify facial recognition. The chances of someone presenting a voter certificate that is not theirs is basically minuscule -- truly, who would steal someone else's ID when there are many other things of monetary value a thief could use? Use of a family member's certificate by mistake is possible but is an error that can be caught by the election workers who can compare the date of birth on the card [and in the laptop if the precinct is using them] if Jr. happens to have Sr.'s voter certificate and ask if they have the correct certificate.

Janis Reinken, Attorney

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From: Jason Hassay
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Subject: RE: some Q's maybe the Senator could use ...

Thanks Janis.

Appreciate it.

From: Janis Reinken
Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 10:11 AM
To: Jason Hassay
Subject: some Q's maybe the Senator could use ...

Q 1) how do you reconcile the fact that the address on the DL is only renewed every 6 years, and not everyone complies with the present requirement to update their address within 30 days if they move? The voter registration certificates are updated more frequently than that. [Should Texas have a requirement that DL's be updated every 2 years?]

Q 2) It is troublesome that the DL or Photo ID is not a requirement for anyone to reside legally in this state; there is no requirement that every adult be a licensed vehicle driver and there is no requirement that every adult must have a photo ID -- so why would a DPS-issued photo ID or DL be a prerequisite for voter registration?

Why not have the photo ID on the voter registration certificate so that voters do not have to have a DPS-issued ID given that there is no requirement to have one?

Why not have the DPS be in charge of automatic voter registration if someone obtains a DL or Photo ID from the DPS?

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Subject: VID Working Group: chat room

Folks, there were only 3 people who expressed enough interest to give me screen names to set up a chat room. Since there isn't critical mass, for any info I provide, I would need to send through multiple means to get the info out, so the chat room idea will actually slow us down.

So I think we should just do this over email, using this distribution. If anybody needs to be added to this distribution for today, please let me know.

Jason Hassay

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Subject: VID Working Group: IMPORTANT - questions to the Democratic witnesses
Importance: High

Below are the questions for our invited testimony - Gary Bledsoe (NAACP), Chase Bearden (Coalition for Texans with Disabilities), and Luis Figueroa (MALDEF). Dr. Andres Tijerina (TX History Professor) is giving more of a history lesson of minority disenfranchisement, so there are no questions advanced for Dr. Tijerina. Some may occur to members in the course of his testimony.

Keep in mind that since there is a time limit on invited testimony of 10 minutes, any leading questions asked by a Senator will extend our witnesses time.

Questions for Gary L. Bledsoe (Texas NAACP)

Q. Some say the Voting Rights Act is no longer needed is a thing of the past that is no longer needed in Texas. Can you cite examples or give reasons that show why we still need voting rights protections?

Q. Is there a well-documented history of voter suppression that is specifically related to race and ethnicity, and how would this Voter ID law fit into that history?

Q. How would this Voter ID law discriminate against people of color?

Q. If the Legislature exempts certain classes of voters, like seniors, from this bill, would that direct an even greater amount of its potential to disenfranchise voters at African Americans and Hispanics?

Q. Did you see the materials the Attorney General used in his highly publicized 2005-2006 campaign against "Voter Fraud"?

Q. In his anti-Voter Fraud campaign, the Attorney General used materials that included images of sickle cell stamps and photos of African Americans to illustrate signs of voter fraud – what does that tell you about the state's attitude and enforcement of voter fraud, and did the conduct and targets of Abbott's prosecutions fit into a pattern of vote suppression in Texas?

Q. Gary, you suggest a photo ID law would suppress African American turnout, but some Voter ID advocates claim Voter ID laws do not suppress turnout, and even claim turnout increases in Indiana and Georgia in 2008 were caused by Voter ID laws, compared to 2004 turnout when there was no photo ID law in those states. Obviously, turnout can vary a lot between election cycles based on enthusiasm, candidates, and other factors. Did African American turnout in Texas increase in 2008 without a Voter ID law, and do you think the reason might be the same as the real reason for reports of higher turnout in Indiana and Georgia?

Questions for Luis Figueroa, MALDEF

Q. Could you compare the legislation before us to the corresponding legislation passed in Indiana, Georgia, and Arizona?

Q. Could you go over any implementation issues or challenges of the voter ID law in Arizona, and how the law may have disenfranchised Latino voters?

Q. What do you believe the net impact of voter ID legislation on Latino voters is?

Q. Are Latino voters less likely to have the identification required by the bill? Why?

Q. Have Latino voters experienced a history of disenfranchisement in Texas? Might this longstanding history contribute to a distrust of the electoral system, and thus contribute to lowering voter turnout among this ethnicity, even among those who might possess the required identification?

Questions for Chase Bearden (Coalition of Texans with Disabilities)

Q. Are people with disabilities less likely to have a current drivers license, military ID, or passport? If so, why?

Q. What additional barriers do people with disabilities have in obtaining the forms of ID requested by this bill?

Q. Would the voter identification required in this bill be sufficient to ensure access to accurate information about this new ID requirement information for the full range of people with disabilities in our state?

Q. What affect do you believe SB 14 would have on turnout of voters with disabilities?

Q. Could SB 14 negatively impact any voters who have a photo ID?

Q. What affect do you believe SB 14 would have on the number of provisional ballots cast by voters with disabilities? What barriers are in place that would make it difficult for people with disabilities to return to the election office to cure a provisional ballot?

Q. What are the most pressing issues reported by voters with disabilities? And, does SB 14 address any of these issues?

Q. Are there any issues affecting Texans with disabilities that would better utilize the funds required to implement SB 14?

Jason Hassay

From: Harold Cook <hc@haroldcook.com>
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To: Jason Hassay
Subject: Re: Suggested Q and A for Republican witnesses

ok, first the suit on Friday, and now the "sir." Are you sure you're a Democrat? :)

On Jan 24, 2011, at 10:01 PM, Jason Hassay wrote:

Thank you sir.

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Subject: Suggested Q and A for Republican witnesses

Q. and A. for Republican Witnesses

1. You say the law in Indiana is working...in the Supreme Court case, no party or *amicus* cited even one case of impersonation at the polls in Indiana to the Supreme Court. Would it surprise you to learn that more Indiana voters have been disenfranchised by the law in the last four years than the number of reported cases of impersonation at the polls cited to the Supreme Court – or from anywhere in the country - in the last two decades?

- In limited-turnout local elections in Marion County, Ind. in 2007, 32 voters cast ballots that could not be counted because of the voter ID law. Moreover, these were long-time voters: 14 of them had previously voted in at least 10 elections.
- At least 10 retired nuns in South Bend, Ind., were barred from voting in the 2008 Indiana Democratic primary election because some of them were in their 80's and 90's and no longer had driver's licenses. The supreme irony was that the nuns whose votes can't be accepted by a bunch of nuns because they don't have an ID...live with them in the polling place in their convent.
- At least six other people also were relegated to filing provisional ballots. Among them was Lauren McCallick, an 18-year-old freshman at St. Mary's College in South Bend, who said she got "teary-eyed" and then angry at being rejected the first time she was old enough to vote.

2. You and other voter ID advocates cite "studies" that attempt to show Voter ID laws do not suppress turnout, and even try to claim turnout increases in Indiana and Georgia were caused

by Voter ID laws. These "studies" compare turnout between election cycles - between 2002 and 2006 or 2004 and 2008. Obviously, turnout can vary a lot between election cycles based on enthusiasm, candidates, and other factors.

- a. Honestly, isn't the real cause for the 2008 turnout increase in Indiana really all about Barack Obama and John McCain and the excitement they generated and resources they spent in a state that wasn't even competitive in 2004?
- b. Wouldn't a more valid analysis compare states with and without Photo ID requirements, over a period spanning several election cycles or the same national election cycle?

3. How do you explain the fact that every time a thorough independent study looks into claims made repeatedly by Voter ID supporters that suggest thousands of dead people or non-citizens are registering and possibly voting, those claims are, without exception, proven to be wildly off base?

(See briefing paper on Unsubstantiated GOP Claims for answer/facts)

4. You have mentioned the Indiana experience, but even Appeals Judge Posner, an outspoken conservative appointee, said in his opinion upholding the Indiana photo ID law: "No doubt most people who don't have photo ID are low on the economic ladder and thus, if they do vote, are more likely to vote for Democratic than Republican candidates. Thus the new law injures the Democratic Party by compelling the party to devote resources to getting to the polls those of its supporters who would otherwise be discouraged by the new law from bothering to vote." His comment seems to illustrate why Republicans use voter fraud claims to justify vote suppression activities that date back decades and continue today. Do you have any evidence of systematic voter fraud to contradict findings from academic studies that suggest the only real reason for the photo ID push is to provide Republicans a partisan advantage?

(See briefing paper on GOP Power Grab for answer/facts)

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Subject: A really good question for the Sec of State's office

I know Davis was interested in questioning SOS earlier, so for her info (or for whoever is ultimately questioning the Sec of State's office), Laurie just forwarded this from 2 years ago, in which only 81 counties have websites (which are apparently required under the bill).

I just re-counted, and they still only have 81 counties listed, which means that according to the chief elections officer in Texas, **173 counties would be unable to comply with the requirements of the law.**

Begin forwarded message:

From: Laurie Vanhoose <austintransplant@gmail.com>
Date: January 24, 2011 9:42:25 PM CST
To: Harold Cook <hc@haroldcook.com>, Amber Hausenfluck <Amber.Hausenfluck@senate.state.tx.us>
Subject: Counties that have websites

When I was going through old emails I found this one from last time we debated voter ID. We should include a question asking the SOS the number of counties that have websites because the bill states that as part of voter education the county will list the new requirements on their website. If a county doesn't have a website.....

Date: Wed, 04 Mar 2009 17:13:02 -0000
To: <xselectionreform@yahooroups.com>
Subject: [xselectionreform] County web sites as reported by SOS

Here is the list of county websites the SOS has on their site
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/links.shtml#County>

There are 81 counties listed on this page. I don't know which ones are missing but if this is accurate then 173 don't have one.

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From: Dan Buda
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 9:53 PM
To: Jason Hassay
Subject: RE: Amendments
Attachments: SB 14 amendment - nursing home exemption.pdf; SB 14 amendment - nursing home exemption.doc

Here's the drafts for the nursing home exemption. Haven't gotten the 65+ one back yet.

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I appreciate it Dan.

If you don't mind releasing those or sharing those with us I will be sure to share with the Senator he would have the option to possibly sponsoring the amendment.

You are doing some great work my friend. Keep it up.

-Jason

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Definitely - we're reconvening in the office pretty early tomorrow, so we should have it all sorted out then. I'll let you know. Also, if we don't offer one or either of these, let me know if you'd want to have your boss offer them. I don't imagine Wendy wanting to offer all of the dozen-ish amendments we drafted.

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To: Dan Buda
Subject: RE: Amendments

Dan,

If you do either of these I would like to have Uresti sign on:

Summary: Exemption for Nursing Homes

Exempts those from ID requirements if affidavit is signed claiming the voter lives in nursing homes or residential care facility

Summary: Exemption for those 65+

Voters 65 years or older are allowed to use expired drivers licenses as proof of identification to vote

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Attached is a list of summaries for Davis amendments. Still not decided on which ones we're going to offer.

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Section 9 of the bill (starting on page 5, line 24) relates to providing notice of identification requirements to certain voters.

Is basically states that if a person is turned down due to insufficient identification they must be provided documentation on what are acceptable forms of identification as well as how to obtain a free ID.

This is not a problem except for the Sunset provision that makes the section expire on September 1, 2013.

We have drafted language to remove that provision by deleting Line 7 on page 6 which will require this practice to be ongoing.

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Cc:
Subject: Questions to Frasier - MALDEF

The following are questions MALDEF hopes Senate Democrats will ask Senator Frasier tomorrow morning:

1. What is the voter required to present in order to receive the free personal identification certificate under Section 18 bill? Is a person required to present a birth certificate or other types of identification to receive the "free" identification?
2. Why were student id's omitted from the list of acceptable documentation? Why were birth certificates omitted from the list?
3. Are there any provisions to allow students who have out of state identification or who have different addresses on their DL and voter registration certificate to be able to vote a regular ballot?
4. Are there any provisions in the bill to accommodate a voter that has a different address on their voter registration card and their photo ID?
5. If a voter returns to the elections department to cure their provisional ballot, what are they expected to show as identification to ensure that their provisional ballot is counted?
- 6.) Are there any provisions to accommodate or address eligible voters whose last name on their driver's license does not match their voter registration, such as recently married women?
- 7) To implement this legislation, the state must put in substantial money for training and extensive public education. How is this bill funded?
- 8) Why is a voter only allowed to return with 6 days rather the 10 day requirement in Indiana?
- 9) Would you agree that Texas has more larger proportion of minorities demographically than Indiana?
- 10) Texas is a covered jurisdiction under section 5 of the Voting Rights because of its history of discrimination right?
- 11) Have any studies been done in Texas determine the impact of this bill on Latino and African

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Attachments: Senate District no DPS.docx

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Attachments: voter id amendment_penalties.doc; voter id amendment_Ogden.doc

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Hinojosa is still uncertain but we drafted the following and contains two parts:

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We add (5) a voter's voter registration certificate containing the voter's photograph under Section 12.

Part 2

There will also be a newly created section that allows for counties to put a photograph on a voter registration card if the commissioners court chooses to do so. It reads as follows:

Sec. 16.0025. PHOTOGRAPH ON CERTIFICATE. The commissioners court of a county may authorize the county elections administrator or the county clerk, as applicable, to issue voter registration certificates that include a photograph of the voter and that may be used as proof of a voter's identification under Chapter 63.

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Hope this is helpful.

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4. Amendment changing the ID requirements on the bill to those used for obtaining a drivers license. (we're still talking through this one)

Thanks!

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Importance: High

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But either way, it appears the beginning a hearing on the bill on Monday is no longer among Duncan's viable options.

(the member conference call scheduled for tomorrow at 8 pm is still on, unchanged)

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Voter ID working group peeps:

Regarding the Georgia Voter ID law, [here is a link](#) to the Department of Justice internal memo examining the law and recommending that it fail pre-clearance. The recommendation was ignored by the Bush appointees in DoJ, but the staff analysis of the effect of the legislation will undoubtedly give us clues as to what a Department of Justice serious about enforcing the Voting Rights Act might want to see in a fair process.

Warning: the document is over 50 pages long.

Thanks to Dan Buda for being the one to locate it.

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Attachments: SB 14 Van de Putte Letter.pdf

Folks, the attached is a letter Senator Van de Putte sent to Senator Duncan late today. The members are aware of the letter.

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To close the loop on a question asked earlier in the staff meeting regarding the eventual result of court action there following a state appeals court striking down the law, according to this news account, the state Supreme Court eventually upheld the law:

<http://www.theindychannel.com/news/24092831/detail.html>

(thanks to Sonya on WD's staff for finding this)

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Folks:

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